

REMARKS

1. Objection to drawings because Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 are both labeled as prior art
The Examiner has indicated that the second drawing appears to be the present invention, and has objected to the drawings due to this.

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The Applicant has corrected Fig. 2 to reflect that it is illustrating the present invention by removing "Prior Art" from the label.

Reconsideration of the drawings is respectfully requested.

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2. Rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takamatsu (JP 09027823) in light of Daimon et al (US 6510205).

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipated by Takamatsu in light of Daimon. Regarding claim 1, the Examiner states that
15 Takamatsu "collects failure information and determines if it is important failure whereby it is presented to a manager in vicinity of an in-network display device. On the other hand, if it is important failure and manager not in vicinity of the in-network display device then modem dialer used to notify the manager at remote location."

20 The Examiner further states that Daimon allows remote devices to be notified "by using device to-be-called list."

Regarding claim 2, the Examiner states that "Takamatsu uses cable to connect and notify in-network device of failure and uses modem dialer to connect to remote
25 device."

The Applicant notes that a primary feature of the present invention is a switch to allow a network manager to select the means of notification. Daimon uses a time-of-day and priority system to choose which contact means and method will be used, while
30 Takamatsu (translated) appears to call only one number in all cases. Neither Takamatsu nor Daimon teach such a switch. Daimon lists a procedure by which the database of contacts may be updated from time to time, but this is a procedure

intended for long-term changes such as an employee going on vacation. Takamatsu teaches only a single contact which is chosen by time of day.

5 In contrast, the present invention teaches a switch by which a network manager can change notification methods depending on his or her immediate availability, e.g., during a bathroom break or lunch.

In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate claim 2. No new matter is introduced.

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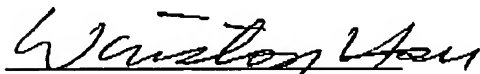
Claims 3 and 4 are dependent on the amended claim 1, and so should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is found to be allowable.

15 The Applicant has also amended claim 5 to incorporate the use of a switch to change the method of notification, as supported in the specification in paragraph [0014]. No new matter is introduced.

Reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

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Sincerely,



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